Dear Dennis, 11/3/96

As I think I indicated in what I mailed you yesterday morning, two of Jerry's students volunteered to do typing for me. Two had begun. One was to have called me after outpatient surgery Thursday, did not and when I phoned the next day she was still in the hospital. One, a young man, was taken ill, hospitalized, discharged, I paid him in advance so he could pay his hospital bill, and he was taken ill again and is off for minor surgery. His girl friend is to carry on for him. One of the two who volunteered Tuesday night, when I phoned to ask her how much time she can find a week, told me none this semester but she should between semesters and next one. The other of those two was to have been here yesterday to pick up the Brown ms. and I did not hear from her. It is possible she said weekend rather than yesterday and maybe she'll come today. Jerry has a high opinion of her.

All of this may indicate that I'd regard Jamie, whose work is good, as a necessity. We'll have to wait and see because it is much better for me if the work is done locally.

Thanks for the explanation of electronic comments. It has been my experience that if those who do the retyping flag what they have any questions about other than the many obvious typos that is the best procedure. That calls them to my attention and I can decide what is needed. In this kind of writing is is too easy for simple mistakes to be made and not recognized as mistakes. It is also true that my first objective is to get what I can on paper and my second is to be able to go over it for accuracy. Editing is, if it is to be, for the future. As long as what is on paper can be understood.

It is hard for some people to get this through their heads. I've asked nothing more of the fine fellow who did the Hosty book because he insistend on regarding himslef as Hemmingway. That cost and took too much time. And he resented my telling him what I wanted and did not want when I had to get pointed about it.

Lil's check for Jamie is enclose. Thanks to you all.

Harold